

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 189
By Burks

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Livingston Handle Company of Overton County on the fiftieth anniversary of its establishment.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of the General Assembly should salute those exemplary institutions that, through an abiding commitment to excellence, are a credit to this State; and

WHEREAS, the Livingston Handle Company is one such institution which is celebrating the milestone of its fifty successful years since its founding; and

WHEREAS, having survived the turbulent economic conditions of the last half century, which included overseas competition, increasing domestic competition, and the globalization of the market system, the Livingston Handle Company has withstood the long standing tests of time and quality; and

WHEREAS, the Livingston Handle Company, known to many as the hickory mill, was founded in 1954 by Leo Halfacre in the location which is now home to the Overton County Farmers Co-op; and

WHEREAS, since 1962, the mill has been located on Campground Road, just off of Hilham Highway 85, and the production is now owned and operated by Johnny Halfacre, whose leadership has propelled the family business into the 21st Century while preserving the best of the family traditions; and

WHEREAS, because of its concentration on high quality materials, craftsmanship, and service in the milling of its products, Livingston Handle Company has been able to satisfy customers who require attention, care, and quality, as evidenced by the more than one million feet of board estimated to have passed through the mill in 2004; and

WHEREAS, all of the mill's products are now sold domestically, with one of the main buyers being the supplier of all Craftsman tool handles; and

WHEREAS, the outlook for the Livingston Handle Company remains positive as its owner and employees look forward to many more years of quality service and successful sales of their superior wood products; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the Livingston Handle Company on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary and extend to Johnny Halfacre and everyone associated with the Livingston Handle Company our best wishes for every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.